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TITLE KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, was., Et Al, Wanted Flyer 74, I. O. 2448 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE BANK ROBBERY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

KITTS, who was serving 12-year sentence in Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebr., was brought to Omaha 9/14/51 by MSP Warden and Guard, where KITTS testified before USC in ITSP case. Instant hearing was held in USC's office, Post Office Building, Omaha, Nebr., after which KITTS taken by warden and guard to Douglas County Courthouse, Omaha, where KITTS escaped custody approximately 4:10 PM, 9/14/51. KITTS not in custody of Federal officers at any time during day. Bench warrants outstanding against KITTS at time of escape on basis of FGJ indictments returned 9/11/51 Deadwood, S.D. charging burglary First National Bank, Selby, S.D. 8/13/49, burglary of Hurley State Bank, Hurley, S.D. 12/10/48, and burglary of Southern Hills Bank, Edgemont, S.D. 5/22/50. Following escape, KITTS observed by [redacted] running through Turf Cigar Store, Omaha, Nebr., about 5:00 PM. Thereafter, KITTS appeared at residence of TONY VARIANO, 1056 So. 23th St. between 8:00 and 9:00 PM, where he obtained change of clothing, was contacted by [redacted] and was last seen fleeing from the residence at about 9:38 PM. About 4:00 AM 9/15/51 KITTS identified as calling at former residence of [redacted]. No further contacts developed to present. Handcuffs, leather belt, and hat found abandoned 9/15/51, Rock Island Freight Depot, 18th and Mason Sts., Omaha, by night watchman. Information concerning possible theft by KITTS of following cars furnished all interested offices: 1949 Dodge Coupe, MN D-30-255-250, Nebraska license X A 8379, stolen Omaha, Nebr. night of 9/15-16/51 recovered near Iowa School for Deaf, Council Bluffs, Ia.; 1951 Ford Tudor, MN HIKC 130154, Iowa license 78-24200, was stolen

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In corroboration of [redacted] alibi [redacted], telephone KLnwood 0475, was interviewed at the Omaha Office. [redacted] denied that he had ever been arrested or involved in any matters of a criminal nature. He stated he was a friend of [redacted] and met him around 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. on September 15, 1951 in the vicinity of 16th and Locust Streets. He states that [redacted] suggested that they cruise around the city in his car. This being agreeable to him, [redacted] parked his car in the vicinity of [redacted] residence and they then drove to Frankie's Drive-In. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] conversed with an Omaha motorcycle policeman enroute to Frankie's Drive-In, which conversation took place in the vicinity of 18th and Farnam Streets. [redacted] believed that they stayed at Frankie's Drive-In about twenty minutes and then drove back to where he left his car, and went home. He believes he left [redacted] sometime between midnight and 1:00 A.M. on September 16, 1951. He did not see [redacted] go in the house, but [redacted] stated he was going to retire for the evening. [redacted] stated that at no time during the evening did he see [redacted] in the company of KITTS, nor did [redacted] ever mention KITTS. He agreed that should he obtain any information to the effect that [redacted] was acquainted with or knew KITTS, he would furnish it to this office.

[redacted] when advised of the allegation against him, denied any personal acquaintance of KITTS or that he had seen, conversed or met him in any way on the evening of September 15, 1951 or the early morning of September 16, 1951. He also denied that anyone had contacted him with regard to KITTS.

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In this regard, he did state that he knows BENNIE BARONE and, of course, during the interview he admitted he had worked as an office boy for [redacted]

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In connection with the alibi of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] was interviewed at the Omaha Office. [redacted] advised that on September 15, 1951, he worked with [redacted] pouring concrete at the Fleetline Garage, 4112 North 30th Street, Omaha, from 8:00 A.M. until about 4:30 P.M. After work he and [redacted] returned a truck which [redacted] had to a plumber, whose name [redacted] could not recall, from about 4:30 to 5:00 P.M. [redacted] was at home about 6:30 to 7:30 or 8:00 P.M. From about 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. until around 10:30 P.M., [redacted] was at the Lakeside Billiard Hall, 16th and Locust Streets, which is owned and operated by [redacted]. [redacted] drove his own automobile to Lakeside Billiards, but not at this place and was with him until shortly before 10:30 P.M. when [redacted] left. [redacted] stated that at Lakeside Billiards were the following individuals who could verify his presence:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birchwood Club
27th and Redick Streets, Omaha, Nebraska

[REDACTED]

BENNIE BARONE
1214 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lakeside Steak House, West Omaha, Nebraska

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[REDACTED]

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